I now move the Condolence Resolution :—

"This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri N. Annamalai Pillai, a Member of this House, and conveys its profound sympathy to the members of the bereaved family."

I request the hon. Members to stand in silence for a few minutes and pass the Resolution unanimously.

The Resolution was passed *nem. con.*, all the Members standing in silence for afew minutes.

(2) DEATH OF DR. U. KRISHNA RAU, SPEAKER, MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I now rise for a second time to refer to the sad and untimely death of my esteemed colleague and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Dr. U. Krishna Rau. In a sense, during the last few weeks, we had been anxious and full of apprehension about his health and recovery. But it never struck us that he would leave us so soon. The Speaker, Dr. U. Krishna Rau, is dead and he is no more with us.

Dr. U. Krishna Rau played a full and fruitful part in the public life of this State. Actively associated with the Congress organisation since 1930, he served the country and the people in various capacities. As a Councillor of the Corporation of Madras for over two decades from 1930 and as Mayor of Madras for a term in 1947–48, he rendered great and distinguished service as a City Father and First Citizen of the City respectively. He was elected to the Madras Legislative Assembly in 1952 and as Minister for Industries and Labour during 1952–54, he discharged his duties with great distinction. Returned to the Legislative Assembly again in 1957, he was elected Speaker, which office he held with great distinction and conspicuous ability till death removed him from our midst. As Joint President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Madras Branch, he visited Trinidad, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Japan, and distinguished himself in more ways than one. Many of us had come into contact with the Speaker, Dr. Krishna Rau, in other fields also because of his great interest in everything that was good. He was associated with a number of institutions and various social service organisations, besides being a Member of the Syndicate of the Madras University.

As Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Dr. Krishna Rau has made history and has left behind a great tradition. He held the scales even and upheld the dignity and prestige of the House as well as the privileges of the Members and endeared himself to all the Members of the House irrespective of their political affiliations. His sense of duty was so high that even while he was seriously ill during the last Budget Session, he was at the post of his duty until he was physically unable to take the Chair. His activities in other fields are too well-known to need any

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recapitulation. As a doctor, he rendered free medical aid to the poor and the needy. He was a very sociable person, always friendly and helpful. He was genial, amiable and pleasant.

We have lost in the death of Dr. Krishna Rau a distinguished Speaker, a great public worker and a good and genial friend, and it is very difficult to fill the void created by his death. To me his death is a personal loss. I have lost a valued colleague and a good friend. I must say that during his office as Speaker, very cordial and friendly relationship existed throughout between us.

I now move with the deepest regret the Condolence Resolution :—

"This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Dr. U. Krishna Rau, Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, and conveys its profound sympathy to the members of the bereaved family."

*THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN :Mr. Chairman, I rise to associate the Government and this House with the sentiments of sorrow expressed by you. Dr. Krishna Rau entered public life along the traditional path. He was a distinguished doctor doing yeomen service to the people and thereby endeared himself to them. Elections to bodies came very easily to him. He was so popular that he had no difficulty in ever getting into any of the Assemblies and Councils that he wanted to represent. As a member of the Corporation, he maintained a very high record of service and a very high record of integrity and selfless sacrifice. As Mayor, he distinguished himself by the services he rendered to the City of Madras. More than all, he was selfless. I know that on an occasion when he had the Mayorship almost in his grasp, he stepped aside and allowed our distinguished patriot Sri Satyamurthi to become the Mayor. He never sought offices himself, but offices came in his way. After he became a Member of the Legislative Assembly, he naturally became one of the Ministers in the Cabinet headed by Sri C. Rajagopalachari. During the period when he was a Minister in the Government, he set a very high standard for others to follow. He held very difficult portfolios. In those days when transport was always the subject-matter of attack from all sections of the public and the House, he held that portfolio without even the slightest criticism.

As a Speaker, he has gone down in history. His ruling will stand out for ever as a guide for the future Speakers of the Legislative Assembly to follow. We, Sir, in this State have lost a valued friend, a great and distinguished patriot, and a very noble public servant. May his soul rest in peace!

* DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR: Sir, I wish to associate myself wholeheartedly with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House. It has been my good fortune to have known Dr. Krishna Rau long before he entered public service. As a medical student, he was one of the best products of

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the Madras Medical College, and took a first class in his final M.B.B.S. A worthy son of a worthy father, he naturally took to public activities from a very early age. As you have mentioned, for the last thirty years of his career, he was prominently associated with many public activities, social organisations, and a great number of sporting activities. He was loved by the young and the old alike. I have had particularly happy reminiscences of his association in many fields, and it is a matter of great regret that a life, which was so full of promise, has been cut off at a comparatively early age. They say, 'Those whom the gods love die young'. If there is any truth in it, I think it refers to Dr. Krishna Rau more than anybody else. His suavity of manners, his genial disposition, and his cheerful outlook on everything always, have endeared us to him. Whatever may be the differences that might have existed, Dr. Krishna Rau was there to cement those differences and make people happy. I think, Sir, his death is a great loss to this State and to the country. It is certainly a great loss to the Assembly. Although I have not been a Member of the Assembly, I have watched with great admiration the manner in which he conducted himself as Speaker under circumstances where any one else might have found some difficulty, even though he had a perfect knowledge of the medium through which many of those speeches were made. He mastered that art with great ability which attracted my attention. I certainly agree that he was one of the greatest Speakers. I sincerely feel the loss of Dr. U. Krishna Rau, and on behalf of those sitting on this side of the House I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by you and the Hon. the Leader of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I now request the hon. Members to stand in silence for a few minutes and pass the resolution unanimously.

The Resolution was passed *nem. con.*, all the Members standing in silence for a few minutes.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I now adjourn the House as a mark of respect to the memory of Dr. Krishna Rau and Sri N. Annamalai Pillai.

The House will meet again at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

II.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* 275. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 385, *Home, dated* 31*st January* 1961 *regarding amendments to the rules issued with Home Department Notification S.R.O. No. A*-2116 *of* 1960, *dated* 6*th February* 1960, *published at page* 188 *of the Rules Supplement to Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette, dated* 30*th March* 1960.